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October 2, 2012

Extend Reward Offer in Fatal Fourth of July Murder of Unique Russell

On Wednesday, July 4, 2012, in front of 1346 West 97th Street located in unincorporated West Athens, 14-year old Unique Russell along with 12-year old Rekeil Reeves and 25-year old Freddy Pickett, were struck by gunfire as they watched fireworks. Witnesses observed two individuals fire several shots into a crowd that included Unique and her cousins. Unique died from her injuries. The two remaining victims suffered non-life threatening gunshot wounds to their legs. After striking the victims, the suspects fled the location on foot and traveled south on Normandie Avenue. The suspects are described as two black males, approximately 18 to 25 years of age. At the time of the shooting, one suspect was wearing a black hooded sweatshirt while the other suspect was described wearing a white t-shirt.

On July 10, 2012, the Board of Supervisors approved a \$10,000 reward offer, which is due to expire on October 8, 2012. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's

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Department (LASD) homicide detectives recommend that the reward offer should be extended to aid in the ongoing investigation into this tragic murder.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Extend the offer of a reward in the amount of \$10,000 in exchange for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the persons responsible for the death of 14-year old Unique Russell and the injuries sustained by 12-year old Rekeil Reeves and 25-year old Freddy Pickett, who were struck by gunfire on July 4, 2012 in front of 1346 West 97th in unincorporated West Athens.

Contact: Sergeant K. Perry or Det. G. Sloan
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Homicide Bureau
(323) 890-5500

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